

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Based on the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action dated August 16, 2000, the Examiner rejected claims 36, 38-40, 42-44, and 48-50 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Schmidt *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 93:9759-9763 (1996) and stated that this rejection can be overcome by supplying a certified English language translation of the foreign priority documents. Applicants stated in their Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed February 16, 2001 that they would submit said translations upon receipt by the undersigned.

Applicants submit herewith an English language translation of German Appl. No. 195 43 649.0, filed November 23, 1995, and German Appl. No. 196 07 044.9, filed February 24, 1996. Support for claims 36, 38-40, 42-44 and 48-50 can be found, *inter alia*, at page 14, and pages 20-21 and the claims of the English translation of German Appl. No. 195 43 649.0. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be

withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Supplemental Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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